

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
MASER CONSULTING P.A. FOR A PLANNING STUDY OF
LIVINGSTON AVENUE FOR REDEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council have expressed strong interest and desire to engage a preliminary investigation of the Livingston Avenue corridor and the nonresidential area lying between Livingston Avenue and the northeast corridor line in an attempt to determine if it is appropriate to begin the process outlined in New Jersey's Local Redevelopment and Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, a study is necessary to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Livingston Avenue corridor in general, and the study will examine alternative Vision Plans and potential redevelopment concepts for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the elements of the planning study shall at minimum meet three goals that are critical to any potential redevelopment undertaking including: strengthening the area's economic viability; improving circulation for motor vehicles pedestrians and bicyclists; assuring there are appropriate transitions to protect adjacent residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Township requires the services of an independent, professional and experienced consultant to undertake such an endeavor thru a "fair and open process" including criteria that will be tailored under a competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2013 the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick approved Resolution 227-8.13 authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for said services; and

WHEREAS, services were procured in formal manner under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1a et under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent received, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of five proposals for said professional services on September 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee recommends the award of contract PRO12043 to Maser Consulting P.A. with office at 53 Frontage Road, Suite 120, Clinton, NJ 08809, for a planning study of Livingston Avenue for redevelopment potential; and

WHEREAS, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon has reviewed the proposals submitted and determined the proposal submitted by Maser Consulting P.A. to be responsive under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and any provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A. shall be compensated for these services as outlined within their proposal for an authorization not to exceed \$33,540.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within Engineering OE Professional Services account 4-01-21-165-000-200; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 18th day of November, 2013, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Clerk to witness a contract with Maser Consulting P.A. for a planning study of Livingston Avenue for redevelopment potential with an authorization not to exceed \$33,540.00.